



### **Nalcor Energy provides update on Muskrat Falls cofferdam**

*December 2, 2016* - Following a full inspection of the temporary cofferdam at the Muskrat Falls construction site, work is underway to address the water seepage that was observed in mid-November. Nalcor has engaged the expertise of senior engineers with SNC Lavalin Inc., Hatch Ltd. and other independent experts in the inspection and detailed engineering solution for the cofferdam. Current water levels and flow rates in the river are consistent with normal conditions.

As temperatures in Labrador continue to get colder and ice starts to form in the river, Nalcor is focused on protecting infrastructure at the site from winter ice conditions and minimizing delays to the overall construction schedule. As a result of current ice conditions in the river, installation of the boom upstream of Muskrat Falls will not be carried out in 2016 as planned, but will now be carried out in 2017 when conditions are suitable and water levels required for safe installation have been reached in the reservoir. Nalcor is investigating alternative approaches to protecting the powerhouse site in the absence of the boom.

Work on the cofferdam is moving into the final phase and expected to be complete in the coming weeks. At that time, Nalcor will begin to gradually raise water levels in the Muskrat Falls reservoir. The safety of local residents, workers and contractors at the Muskrat Falls site is our top priority. The cofferdam will be closely monitored when river impoundment activities resume and appropriate action taken as required.

Construction activities continue throughout the Muskrat Falls construction site.

Nalcor is committed to keeping residents and stakeholders informed about the Muskrat Falls Project. Additional updates will be provided as this work continues and river impoundment activities begin.

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